Children of Women Prisoners

5144. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent study conducted by the National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science regarding children of women prisoners lodged in jails;

(b) if so, the factual position in this regard; and

(c) the measures to be taken by the Government to provide a better life to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The study provides a details situational analysis of the living conditions of the children staying in jails with their prisoner-mothers and suggests ways and means for improvement in these conditions.

(c) "Prisons" is a State subject as per List-II of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. The recommendations have therefore been sent to the State Governments for their consideration and implementation.

Agreement between Border Security Forces of India and Bangladesh

†5145. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a bilateral agreement to reduce tension and contain terrorists activities, has been entered into between Border Security Forces along the Indo-Bangladesh Border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such agreements would enhance mutual understanding and better coordination between the forces of both the countries to have an effective check on crime and infiltration; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) (a) to (d) The Government of India and Bangladesh have set up an institutional mechansim of Director General level meetings between the Border Security Force of India and the Bangladesh Rifles. The Director General Level talks between Border Security Force and Bangladesh Rifles are focussed on improving coordination between Border Security Force & Bangladesh Rifles for curbing infiltration, trans-border crimes like smuggling of arms, drugs etc, trafficking in women and children and cooperation in checking activities of terrorists etc. Apart from reducing tension on borders and containing criminal activities on Indo-Bangladesh border, these high level discussions have helped to develop a better understanding and coordination between the two border guarding forces leading to increased cooperation at ground level. The last Director General level talks between the Border Security Force and the Bangladesh Rifles were held on 22—25 March, 2002 in Dhaka.

Intelligence Agency's Report on Security Clearance to Private Airline Company

5146. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the intelligence agencies have submitted any report questioning the security clearance given to a Private Airline Company; and

(b) if so, the details of the report, name of the airline company and the action taken by the Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Cases for grant of security clearance are referred to Ministry of Home Affairs by the administrative Ministry/Department. Such references are examined in consultation with security/intelligence agencies and inputs conveyed to the concerned administrative Ministry/Department for taking a decision.